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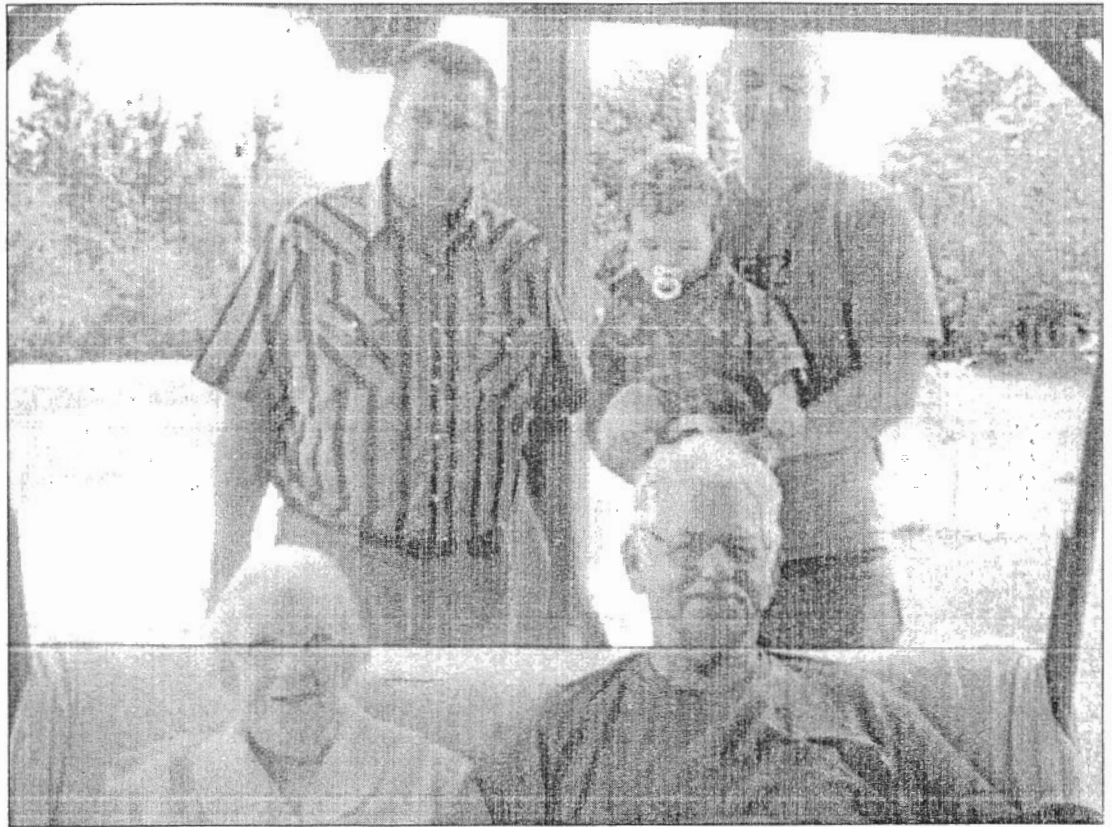
Mike Shields

Mike Shields is a captain with the Escatawpa Fire Department. Mike has worked as the department's captain for 16 years and has been at the department for 22 years. Mike commands two full-time firefighters and coordinates with 15 other active volunteer firefighters. Mike says he got into fire-

fighting when he went with a friend to help at a fire. After that, he said he joined the department as a volunteer. Soon afterward, he became a full-time firefighter. "I started out for the excitement but then over the years it became more about giving back to the community," Shields said. Mike also

runs Shields Hardware and Septic Tank Service, which is a family business started by his grandfather. He has been working there since the sixth grade when he would help out after school. Mike is a native of Helena. He and his wife of 23 years, Joy Shields, have three daughters.

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Also See:

1. *Shields Family History*